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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 142 (a) appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/52/453 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 54th and 58th meetings, on 20 and 26 March 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.54 and 58).

3. In addition to the documents listed in A/52/453 and Add.1, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224 (A/C.5/52/38).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At the 54th meeting, on 20 March, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224", which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 10).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.27

5. At the 58th meeting, on 26 March 1998, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/52/L.27), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.27 without a vote (see para. 11).

7. After adoption of the resolution, statement in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the State Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Cyprus), the United States of America, Slovakia, France, Indonesia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, China and the United Kingdom.

8. Also at the same meeting, the Chairman stated that, in the light of the adoption of the draft resolution (A/C.5/52/L.27), the provisions of that resolution would apply pari passu to the related scale of assessments applicable for the International Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/217 and 52/218, both of 22 December 1997.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973, 43/232 of 1 March 1989, 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, concerning the composition of groups for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations,

Recalling also its resolution 51/218 C of 18 December 1996 concerning the placement of Slovakia in a group for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations for the period ending on 31 December 1996;

1. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peacekeeping expenses, that, from 1 April 1998, Slovakia shall be included in

the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peacekeeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the scale of assessments approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and subsequent resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly concerning future scales of assessments;

2. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peacekeeping expenses, that, for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 March 1998, Slovakia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peacekeeping operations for this period shall be calculated in accordance with the scales of assessments approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and 52/215 A and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995;

3. Decides further that the contributions of Slovakia for the financing of peacekeeping operations in respect of assessments issued during the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 March 1998, shall be credited to Member States in proportion to their effective rates of assessment for the financing of peacekeeping operations during the period, subject to the following:

(a) Member States included in the groups set out in paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions, shall be credited with the full amount by which their aggregate contributions for the financing of peacekeeping operations during the period in question exceeded the aggregate level that would have applied had Slovakia been included in one of the groups of Member States set out in paragraph 3 of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions;

(b) The full balance of the contributions of Slovakia for the financing of peacekeeping operations for the period in question, after provision for crediting Member States pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) above, shall be credited to Member States included in the group set out in paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions.

10. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224

The General Assembly,

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224 (A/C.5/52/38).